

★★★★★ **Perfect for any Petrol Head**, October 7, 2009

By [J. L. Mattox](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

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This review is from: [The Last Open Road \(Hardcover\)](#)

I have started this book and I cannot put it down. The characters are so full of life and the story is so great, it just keeps getting better. You can really tell that the author has been through similar events in his lifetime. I cant wait to get my hands on the second book in the series.

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★★★★★ **Took me back to the golden age of sports cars.**, September 3, 2009

By [Dan Harmer](#) (San Diego, CA USA) - [See all my reviews](#)

Levy has captured the excitement of the car crazy 50's with accuracy. The characters were captured so well I felt I was reading about old friends, even though I lived the events some 2500 miles from Polumbo & co. I have ordered the rest of the series.

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★★★★★ **The Last Open Road**, June 29, 2009

By [Dean Sperle](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

This review is from: [The Last Open Road \(Hardcover\)](#)

Recently attended a Vintage Sports Car race at Road America in Elkart Lake Wi. I saw several small decals on the rear of several of the competitors rear deck?? "The Last Open Road" Interesting book about the early days (fiction) of Road Racing in America. I may try 2 more books by the auther B.S. Levy?? Light reading but I enjoyed!!

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★★★★★ **More about author Burt Levy**, November 14, 2008

By [Bruce T. Batchelor "Bruce Batchelor"](#) (Victoria, BC Canada) - [See all my reviews](#)

Burt's writing is magical. Do you want to know more about the marketing of this book?

Here's what I wrote about Burt in my book, [Book Marketing DeMystified: Enjoy Discovering the Optimal Way to Sell Your Self-Published Book, Practical advice from the inventor of print-on-demand \(POD\) publishing](#) --




Burt S. levy, who wrote and self-published the acclaimed auto racing novel *The Last Open Road* [isbn 096421072X], is another master at event selling.

"My experience is that exhibitions are alternatives for book sales," says Burt. "Not so much instead of the traditional bookstore market, but in addition to it. And once again, it comes down to identifying and

focusing in on your core market and figuring out where and how you can access them. In our case, we did far better with gift shops and souvenir stands at racetracks and museums, doing book signings at major races, auctions and car nut events, and getting featured in specialty catalogues that sold everything from car polish to brake linings. In most cases, we were the only book featured. or at least the only novel. But it sold copies, spread the word, and most importantly, made money for our retailers as well as ourselves. That's key, because they're not going to want you around if you're not ringing the old cash register."

The Last Open Road is now, 13 years after its launch, still finding new readers worldwide and is heading into its 7th printing with over 40,000 copies sold. It has also evolved into a four novel series (plus a short story anthology) with total sales in excess of \$1 million.

Burt's books continue to sell well at racetracks. As he proclaims on his [...] website, "Burt will be shamelessly hawking and signing books at:" and then he lists upcoming racetrack events he'll be attending. Burt delightfully admits to a passion for `mooching' rides in the fastest race cars. There is no doubt this author is having fun while being very successful with his writing.

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★★★★★ **There Is A Little Buddy In All Off Us**, September 2, 2008
By [John A. Tuteur](#)  - [See all my reviews](#)

I have been a sports car enthusiast for almost 50 years. While my life doesn't parallel Buddy Polumbo's, I can relate to his coming of age in and around foreign sports cars. Although fiction, many of the locations that Buddy travels to are real tracks and small towns that I frequented in my youth. The same with the bars and restaurants. The variety of characters belonging to the SCCA (SCCM) and participating in these sports car events are people that I was able to relate to. Perhaps they were the very same individuals. The sports car community was a small group of colorful enthusiasts, all motivated to be involved for different reasons, but the sport was fueled by those with the money to support the racing habit. For those of us that can relate that past era, The Last Open Road is great read. I cannot wait to start Burt Levy's other books.

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★★★★★ **the last open review**, January 8, 2008
By [Mid-Praire Teen](#)  - [See all my reviews](#)

The Last Open Road

This story starts off with a young man that is called Buddy Palumbo. He has a friend that he trusts very well and no one else would listen to him the same way. Something vey bad happens to him and he got handed some of his responsibilities

at the Sinclair. He never actually got hired when he started working there. They just started to pay him. His dad did not want him to grow up and be a grease monkey he told him to work with the Union. A very rich man that owns oil rigs all over the United States. He owns some of the very nicest cars that included Cadillac's and Jaguar. No one has ever seen or heard of them. Buddy got the opportunity to work on them and soon after he figured them out he was the only mechanic allowed to work on them.

I liked this book because I am interested in driving and racing cars. It was fun to read because it was so realistic and talks about real cars and real mechanical problems they have. I can relate to the people in this book because I race and I understand their family problems. You will figure out what I am talking about when you read this book.

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★★★★★ **Excellent Journal of the '50's**, July 9, 2007

By [David Campbell](#) (Andersonville, TN USA) - [See all my reviews](#)

This is a well-written and enjoyable book that elicits images that are very familiar to folks who were teen-agers during the wonderful 1950's. It is almost as though I know the characters and can easily apply familiar names of real people in my past to them. Highly recommended reading, especially for car enthusiasts!

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★★★★★ **If you like classic cars, you'll like this book**, January 18, 2007

By [D. Moxon](#) (NC, USA) - [See all my reviews](#)

B.S. Levy's The Last Open Road is a great read for anyone who is interested in wrenching on cars, particularly classics. I'm college age and I can relate to Buddy Palumbo in a lot of cases. If you're familiar with older British cars, there's some unique humor there as well. Great read.

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★★★★★ **BETTER THAN "ON THE ROAD"**, January 9, 2007

By [Bill from Denver](#) (Denver, Colorado) - [See all my reviews](#)

If you grew up in the 50's or 60's and knew a sports car from Detroit iron, and lusted after the former...than this is your book. This is a tour de force of the origins, excitement and naivete of what the attraction was for those weekend racers. Buddy Palumbo is this loveable amateur mechanic, hang-around caryguy who through luck and heft manages to have the rides of his life at one of the first sport car tracks in the US. What you will enjoy is the reality of the details of the cars, the attitudes of those in and around the machines, the helter-skelter ways you drove in those days... and that BS Levy has captured this period in his own time machine for you. If you are a caryguy, you cannot put this book down, and you will laugh your head off turning some of the pages as Bert reminds you of how we were. I had just reread Kerouac's On the Road when I picked up Bert's book at the Monterey Historics at




Laguna Seca...because it had a XK120 on the cover which was my first car...and because Bert, himself, was there guaranteeing me I'd love it. He was so right! I'm now onto his next novel, Montzuma'a Ferrari, which takes place on the Carrera Panamericana (translates The Mexican Road Race). Bert is a true race car fan and driver and describes emotions and thrills like you are there with him. I passed the book onto my car club members and its still being read and recirculated. This is a read to savor...enjoy!

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★★★★★ **Sports cars**, November 9, 2006

By [MGB71 "Mike"](#) (Detroit, MI USA) - [See all my reviews](#)

This is a good book for the British sports car enthusiast. It brings back memories of the 1950s and racing.

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★★★★★ **An engrossing delight**, August 16, 2006

By [Ed K](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

The best part of this book is the entanglement of fact with fiction surrounding the early 1950's in the U.S., particularly regarding the Northeast. It is by far the best book I have ever read, and the three sequels are just as absorbing. It is a must read for any sports car lover.




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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful:

★★★★★ **I love this book**, May 11, 2005

By [Mercedes Lackey "author"](#) (Claremore, OK USA) - [See all my reviews](#)

I am a complete fan of this book; we kept it in the car and I read it aloud to my husband on long cross-country drives. Cartoonish? I wouldn't say so, unless you feel that the history of early road racing is cartoonish. We found the depictions to be a wonderful time capsule that made us wish we could go back and experience some of that for ourselves.




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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful:

★★★★★ **Auto racing nirvana**, February 26, 2005

By [C. R. Ramsey Potts](#) (West Virginia) - [See all my reviews](#)

If you are the kind of person who is even considering the purchase of this book, then you are exactly the kind of person who will get enormous rewards from reading the entire B.S. Levy trilogy about mechanic Buddy Palumbo. I have purchased many copies of this book for my "car buddies" and even their wives have commented to me about how their men could not put the book down once they started. B.S. has finally written the great American "autosport" novel. Buy this book!

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3 of 4 people found the following review helpful:

★★★★☆ **Cartoonish fun with some real insight**, March 17, 2003

By "[jfross4](#)" (St. Louis, MO USA) - [See all my reviews](#)

Burt Levy is (I'm told) an accomplished Vintage racer who writes for a number of motorsport magazines covering that venue.

TLOR is set in 1952 and written in the first person. Protagonist and narrator Buddy Palumbo is just out of high school and working in a New Jersey Sinclair station for Old Man Finzio, much to the irritation of Buddy's father, who wants him to join his union at the local chemical plant. Finzio's Sinclair is a Warner Brothers cartoon come to life, with some mechanics so incompetent they actually drop cars off of lifts, all the way off so they land on the concrete on their sides.

Finzio's has one good mechanic, Buddy's mentor Butch Bohunk, but Butch gets permanently disabled while driving drunk. (Levy likes his characters' names to evoke a certain image--After Butch Bohunk, I started to expect to see Davy Dago, Sal Spic, and Pete Polack appear).

Buddy ends up becoming the head mechanic at the station, whose best customer is Big Ed Baumstein, a Cadillac-driving, cigar-chomping, oft-married, 350-pound scrap dealer prone to saying things like "Get a scratch on this baby and I'll use your head for a bowling ball." When Big Ed comes in one day with a new Jaguar XK120, his reliance on the station jumps to a new level. Buddy is the only one that can keep the XK running right, and when the Jag needs parts, Buddy goes to Westbridge Motors, the Manhattan importer where Big Ed bought the Jag. Here we meet owner Colin St. John and his parts manager Barry Spline. ...

The Last Open Road also reminds us that some things never change. There's always a little more horsepower to be had, a little weight that can come off, a little better airflow for a little more top speed, a little time saved on the next pit stop, another lap to be squeezed from the next fillup, and a little bit better shot at the brass ring, whatever form that brass ring may take.

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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful:

★★★★☆ **Pretty good read!**, February 6, 2003

By [B. Bauman](#) (Chula Vista, CA USA) - [See all my reviews](#)

This story is a fun, easy read. The plot is fun and believable (well, for the most part) and Levy knows his cars!

What I liked best was that this was a story that centered around cars, instead of having car stuff thrown into a storyline. I enjoyed this book, but it was a bit pricy.

However, I'd like to read the next in the series, so let that be your guide!

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1 of 2 people found the following review helpful:

★★★★★ **Simply Wonderful**, October 1, 2001

By **A Customer**

What an adventure. I bought this book from Burt Levy himself at a local vintage event some 5 years ago, and when I finally picked it up I never wanted to put it down. I was transformed to another place and time I could only dream of being. What a great escape this book was, as I imagined driving exotic cars through the countryside. Don't stop when this book is over, keep going with Mr. Levy's second book, Montezumma's Ferrari. If you long for the days when racing was just racing, read these now!

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★★★★★ **Pure Joy**, July 5, 2001

By **Karen Dickinson**  (Lawtey, FL United States) - [See all my reviews](#)

This review is from: [The Last Open Road \(Hardcover\)](#)

This book is a pure joy for anyone who loves automobiles, racing, and nostalgia. I literally found myself laughing out loud and felt I had known some of the characters personally. Mr. Levy spins a delightful yarn with colorful backgrounds, characters, and situations we can all recognize. This one is a real keeper to read over and over again. If you read this one, you must follow up with "Montezuma's Ferrari" Mr. Levy's next installment in the life of Buddy Palumbo.

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★★★★★ **Give Us More...**, November 30, 2000




By **A Customer**

Burt,

Don't make us wait any longer than we have to for the next installment of Bud, Sweet Julie, Big Ed and the rest of the S.C.M.A. crowd.


If you have anything to do with, or can't get enough of 50's auto racing, sports cars, and the desire to be on a twisty back road behind the wheel of an Italian or British sports car---BUY THIS BOOK!!!

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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful:

★★★★★ **Levy Hits The Mark on Life in the Fifties**, March 2, 2000




By **Dennis Joyce**  (Palm Harbor, Florida) - [See all my reviews](#)

This review is from: [The Last Open Road \(Hardcover\)](#)

Levy's strong treatise on the adventures of Buddy Polumbo and Company speaks volumes on life in the blue collar, Italian-American world of early 1950's North Jersey and its class struggle with the upper crust, and resonates with the efforts on an ambitious young man to break out and better himself. His mechanical talents and work ethic are merely the vehicles through which he strives to improve his lot and that of his loved ones. The central plot need not have been about sports car racing to be effective, but could have applied equally to athletics or any industrial enterprise. Notwithstanding the above, those who love racing and wish to understand its roots in America will find new inspiration for their passion in B.S.

Levy's excellent book.

One wonders what an effective screen treatment this would make with Paul Newman in the role of an older Buddy Polumbo, reviewing the growth of Sports Car racing in America through flashback. You can almost hear the clanking of tools and cursing of Old Man Finzio in an open work bay of the Sinclair on a hot July afternoon as we fade to the first scene. A must read!

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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful:

★★★★★ **A must-read for any gearhead... and his/her spouse**, December 28, 1999

By [Eric Kroth](#) (Delmar, NY) - [See all my reviews](#)

This review is from: [The Last Open Road \(Hardcover\)](#)

The Last Open Road, by B.S. Levy is one of the most entertaining and true to life books ever written. If you have ever raced, or just hung out with racers, you'll recognize about every character in the book. If you've ever turned a wrench (or tried to) on a car, you'll find yourself reliving those experiences over and over. You'll also find yourself wanting to travel to the places mentioned in the book. The story is also a glimpse into a time gone by. According to everyone I've talked with at my club (what the S.C.M.A. becomes twenty years later) that's really how it used to be. Do yourself a favor - buy the book, already. I can also recommend Montezuma's Ferrari, recently published.

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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful:

★★★★★ **A fun must-read for those of us in love with sports cars.**, November 3, 1999

By [David Booker \(bookerndk@aol.com\)](#) (Nashville, TN) - [See all my reviews](#)

This review is from: [The Last Open Road \(Hardcover\)](#)

I loved this book. The author obviously lived through the era and tells his tale in a way that is very enjoyable. He describes the sights and smells of the scenes so well, you can close your eyes and feel like you're there. This book is written in the same casual style Burt uses in his monthly "British Car" magazine feature. I found myself laughing out loud on many occasions. I can't wait to read Montezuma's Ferrari. Hurry up with the third book, Burt!

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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful:

★★★★★ **this book rules!!!!**, September 26, 1999

By **A Customer**

This review is from: [The Last Open Road \(Hardcover\)](#)

I'm only 15 and my dad got the original version of it. He said I should read it and once I started i literally couldn't put it down. This is probably the biggest book that i've ever read and it only took my about two weeks to finish it. I recommed this book to anyone.

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★★★★★ **Kirkus misses the point**, September 17, 1999

By **A Customer**

This review is from: [The Last Open Road \(Hardcover\)](#)

The Kirkus review above strains unsuccessfully to avoid condescension, by complaining gently that BSL is not exactly Thomas Pynchon. But the reviewer is not, obviously, someone moved to spontaneous delight by sports car techno-minutiae. Levy knows that Austin Healy exhaust systems hang impossibly low to actually drive on a real street; that the last 10% of any engine swap takes 90% of the time, that very long drives in a 50's jaguar roadster are ultimately, torture. Good coming-of-age stories centered around car culture are all pretty formulaic, but it doesn't matter: We love the detail, the smell of oil, scraped knuckles, and the sound of an engine you've just finished rebuilding roaring to life for the first time. If you are new to the genre, see *The Red Car*, *Boy gets Car*, *Hot Rod*, and, of course, *Stroker Ace*.

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★★★★★ **Superb recreation of grassroots racing and the time era.**, February 5, 1999

By **A Customer**

This review is from: [The Last Open Road \(Hardcover\)](#)

To a early-twenties person, like myself, it is a perfect recreation of the 1950s grassroots race scene and a early 50's love story. It surrounds the New Jersey open-road race circuit of the 1950's through the eyes of a young garage mechanic with a going passion for foreign cars and his new girlfriend.

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★★★★★ **The greatest book I have ever read, Huck Finn and all!**, January 6, 1999

By [Bill Westbrook \(velowilly@aol.com\)](#) (Minneapolis, MN, USA) - [See all my reviews](#)

This review is from: [The Last Open Road \(Hardcover\)](#)

There is a certain masterly humorous way in which this author not only writes, but views the world. The Last Open Road far transcends car racing. This is a book about coming of age in both mind and body (Buddy Palumbo's and a few others). If ever one could wish himself into a role as a character in a novel, this is it. To us younger readers, sportscar racing in the 1950's seems like a swashbuckling experience that I am sorry I couldn't participate in...This book is simply marvelous!

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★★★★★ **Fantastic! a must read for any racing fan**, November 4, 1998

By **A Customer**

This review is from: [The Last Open Road \(Hardcover\)](#)

I bought the original edition of this book from the author himself two years ago at Mid-Ohio, and fell in love instantly. As a young pup (only 19 myself), I found the book to hold true today, and it is such an inspiration as I start my own path into motor racing...

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★★★★★ **Ecellent!**, October 12, 1998

By [K. Brown](#) - [See all my reviews](#)

This review is from: [The Last Open Road \(Hardcover\)](#)

This is an excellent book that captures the ssence of sports cars, early sports car racing and life in general. The first time that I picked it up I intended to read for a few minutes before falling asleep -- 270 pages later I had to force myself to put it down at 2:00 A.M. -- I had to get up in three hours and go to work. This is the best book that I have ever read -- I've read my copy (a signed first edition) five times now. I even bought another copy to lend to friends and family.

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★★★★★ **A must read for any "gearhead"**, September 28, 1998

By [Pat Patton\(rodeo15@lightspeed.net\)](#) (Clovis,Ca) - [See all my reviews](#)

This review is from: [The Last Open Road \(Hardcover\)](#)

Having been to many of the places written about in the book, including Elk Hart Lk, this evicted many memories.

I travelled to many races this year and I used this book as a primer.

I also visited a concours show in Visalia Ca and talked about this book to some Jag owners and I saw some representative vehicles similar to the ones that were mentioned in the book.

Since my friend bought his copy of the book at the Indy 500 memorabilia show back in 97, I have been upset that I never purchased my own copy.

I tried many places, and finally found it at amazon!!

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★★★★★ **A fantastic read for any racing fan!!!**, September 14, 1998

By [William T. ELLIOTT](#) (Hixson, Tennessee USA) - [See all my reviews](#)

This review is from: [The Last Open Road \(Hardcover\)](#)

This book is a wonderful return to the old days when racing was as much about the driver as it was about the car. The story is rich with detail and makes you feel as if you are right there in the middle of everything. Buy this book!!!

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★★★★★ **A coming-of-age story that transcends the car-racing setting,**

September 1, 1998

By **A Customer**

This review is from: [The Last Open Road \(Hardcover\)](#)


I read this book in its self-published version (before St. Martin)and was blown away by its eloquence, knee-slapping humor, sensitivity and excitement. It is as close to Catcher In The Rye as anything I've read since high school (35 years ago) -- an entertaining story line coupled with an engagingly candid perspective on the times

and the people in them.

For those who might look at the cover of the book and conclude that it is about sports car racing, they won't be disappointed, but they will find many surprises in the story that touch the heart and soul of a not-so-street-smart young man rubbing elbows with the too-street-smart racing set. The conclusions our hero draws are always fun and often thought-provoking.

This is a book for anyone who really likes a great story.

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★★★★★ **A must read for any sports car or auto racing enthusiast.**, July 31, 1998

By **A Customer**

This review is from: [The Last Open Road \(Hardcover\)](#)

I loved this book for several reasons. It really captures the essence of being an auto enthusiast. It paints a great picture of the early days of sports car racing in this country. The book is honest - there are no added surprises, unexpected murders, unnecessary suspense, etc. It's just a good story. Any sports car enthusiast or racer should read it.

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★★★★★ **"The Last Open Road" hopefully not Levy's last novel....**, July 26, 1998

By [Charles F. Brand III "etdweasel"](#) (Tyrone, Pennsylvania USA) - [See all my reviews](#)

This review is from: [The Last Open Road \(Hardcover\)](#)

Are you over forty? Were you into sports cars in the late forties/early fifties? This novel will bring back a flood of memories....and if you're younger, well this is the way it was!! While I know Mr. Levy's work from his magazine articles & columns, the rich texture of this book, its attention to (correct!!)detail is a delight! Kudo's, Mr. Levy....and, uh, you're sure not gonna leave us hanging as to the further exploits of Buddy, are ya?

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★★★★★ **Bert, you told my story!**, February 28, 1998

By [Bobby Hoehler \(bhoehler@sprynet.com\)](#) (Knoxville, TN) - [See all my reviews](#)





This review is from: [The Last Open Road \(Hardcover\)](#)

My best friend sent me HIS signed copy of this book for my birthday. In the card he wrote, "the names have been changed to protect the guilty." How right he was. Bert Levy has written the story that Mike & I lived. The time, place, & names are different, but the characters and events are all there.

No, this story isn't for everyone. But for those of us with the good fortune to have grown up with a fascination & respect for automobiles & all things related to them, this book is long overdue. It IS our story, told by THE master.

This book should be required reading for anyone applying for a Driver's License because only those who understand the car can hope to be properly qualified to operate one.

The good news for Bert is that he may finally reap some financial success from this endeavor & I, for one, am happy for him. The other good news is that I have my own copy now, also signed &, thank God, it is the first edition, all 540 pages. I wouldn't have wanted to miss a word. From all of us that are part Buddy Palumbo, part Butch Bohunk, & part Tommy Edwards, thanks a million for a one-in-a-million book.





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★★★★☆ **Achieves brilliantly where others fail. Terrific history.**, February 23, 1998

By **A Customer**

This review is from: [The Last Open Road \(Hardcover\)](#)

Bert has hugely achieved bringing this historical novel alive. "Ditto" what the other reviewers have said. Very satisfactory read, I didn't want to put it down, and I thoroughly enjoyed looking forward to getting back into it. It really does bring the 50's road race scene alive. Loved Bert's use of exposing the protagonist's raging hormones without bashing us over the head. He paints the picture but lets our minds complete the images. Bravo, Bert.

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